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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, SY
SUBJ: SYRIAN JEWS

REF: A. STATE 156354; B. STATE 158814

1. AS INSTRUCTED REF B I HAVE NOT RAISED ISSUE SYRIAN JEWS
WITH ASAD OR ANY OTHER SYRIAN OFFICIAL SINCE MY RETURN
FROM WASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS.

2. YESTERDAY (AUGUST 13) RECEIVED LETTER FROM CONGRESSMAN
STEPHEN SOLARZ ASKING MY ASSISTANCE IN SECURING AN EXIT
VISA FOR MOTHER ONE OF HIS BROOKLYN CONSTITUENTS. SOLARZ
ADVISES THAT CONSTITUENT HAS BEEN PETITIONING TO GET HER
MOTHER OUT OF SYRIA SINCE 1961 BUT SYRIANS HAVE REFUSED
ISSUE AN EXIT VISA.

3. I RECOGNIZE THAT SOLARZ IS PROBABLY TREATING THIS AS
A TEST CASE AND WILL BE PURSUING OTHERS OVER COMING MONTHS.

4. SHOULD I RAISE THIS CASE WITH SHIHABI? IF I SEEK
SHIHABI'S INTERVENTION IT WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY COME
TO ASAD'S ATTENTION. IF I SHOULD TAKE NO ACTION AT
THIS TIME, WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR GUIDANCE ON HOW TO
RESPOND TO CONGRESSMAN.

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